

REMARKS

In the office communication of 2/5/07, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement and requested election regarding three inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a method for fund raising for a cause;
- II. Claims 17-18, drawn to a method of increasing availability of creative works;
and
- III. Claims 19-20 drawn to a method for realizing value from IP.

With respect to “Invention I”, the Examiner further indicated that claims 2 and 8 are mutually exclusive. To address this point, Claim 8 is now amended to be dependent upon claim 2, thus assuring that these claims are not mutually exclusive.

Claims 17-20 have now also been amended to clearly further delineate properties of invention I—Claims 17 is a software storage medium claim, and claims 18-20 are now system claims that describe the same invention.

Thus, in response to the request for election, Invention I is elected by the Applicant, and all claims are drawn to said invention. The Applicant respectfully requests that the title be amended to “Method and apparatus to implement a cooperative auction,” in order to better describe Invention I.

Very Respectfully,

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